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SUBJ: TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE

1. ON SEPT 17, IN CEREMONY HELD IN PRETORIA, PM VORSTER AND CHIEF MINISTER MATANZIMA SIGNED THE FINAL DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE ON OCTOBER 26. IN EXCHANGE OF REMARKS AT CEREMONY, PM SAID "HISTORIC OCCASION" OF INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI WAS "EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD". TRANSKEI, HE SAID, WOULD BE INDEPENDENT IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD. IN REPLY, MATANZIMA THANKED SAG FOR ITS ASSISTANCE AND SAID WORLD, "UNLESS IT IS INSANE", WOULD ADMIRE SPIRIT IN WHICH TRANSKEI'S INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, ON SEPT 9, MATANZIMA AND VORSTER ALSO MET IN PRETORIA TO HASH OUT LAST UNRESOLVED ISSUES PRIOR TO FORMAL SIGNING. THAT MEETING REPORTEDLY "FINALIZED THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD REGULATE THE
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CONTINUED INTERSTATE RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN SAG AND TRANSKEI.

PRESS ACCOUNT SAID CITIZENSHIP ISSUE WAS AGREED UPON WITH NO
"EVIDENCE OF DISPUTE".

3. COMMENT: NO HINT HAS BEEN GIVEN PUBLICLY AS TO NATURE OF
AGREEMENT ON CITIZENSHIP ISSUE. IN LIGHT OF PUBLIC DISPUTE
BETWEEN MATANZIMA AND SAG, THIS OFF-HAND WAY OF ERASING
CITIZENSHIP ISSUE COMES AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE. IT LENDS
CREDENCE TO COMMENTS OF SOME OBSERVERS THAT MATANZIMA, RATHER
THAN BEING COMMITTED TO SUBSTANCE OF HIS CITIZENSHIP STAND,
WAS MERELY TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE A DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE
FROM SAG.
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